

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 7

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The Honorable Michael B. Seyb Mayor Pretty Prairie 119 W. Main P.O. Box 68 Pretty Prairie, Kansas 67570-0068

Dear Mayor Seyb:

I'm writing to thank you and the City Council members for taking the time to meet on December 12, 2013, to discuss the important matter of the city's drinking water quality. The meeting was very productive, and the Environmental Protection Agency looks forward to working with you to develop a plan to address the issues we discussed.

As discussed during our meeting, it is the EPA's desire that a formal agreement for addressing the nitrates in drinking water served by the Pretty Prairie public water system be in place by the spring of 2014. That agreement could be between Pretty Prairie and the EPA, or Pretty Prairie and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The EPA and the KDHE are available to assist you as you work through the details for addressing this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (913) 551-7544, or Scott Marquess, of my staff, at (913) 551-7131. We will contact you sometime in early February 2014 to touch base and discuss progress.

Again, thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Diane L. Huffman

Chief

Water Enforcement Branch

cc:

Darrel Plummer, KDHE

